

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
October 13, 2016**

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Chair Comments/Meeting Minutes: Chair **Jim Bunch** called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Vote: The Committee approved April, May and June meeting minutes.

Item 3 – Employer TMP Annual Reports: **James Carlson** presented summary of companies that had submitted Traffic Mitigation Plan (TMP) Annual Reports. All had fulfilled the minimum mandatory requirements for approval by the MCDOT Director. The Committee recommended approval; however, due to a technical issue, the ULLICO plan was not visible on the website for some on the Committee. It was recommended that the Committee hold the recommendation until the issue could be resolved.

VOTE: The Committee voted to recommend approval of eight of the companies presented, except ULLICO.

Item 4 – 8600 Georgia Avenue Hotel Project: **Susan Reutershan**, Lerch, Early & Brewer, representing the developer Star Capital, said that 8600 Georgia Avenue will be a 170-room extended stay hotel on the corner of Georgia and Colesville Roads. **Bill Landfair** from VIKA reported that a vendor has yet to be identified, the vision for the hotel will be 13 stories with a constrained parking garage. Other features:

- Designed to harmonize with the surrounding architecture
- L-shaped courtyard on the 2nd level
- Loading bay on the Georgia Avenue side and 2-space layby on Colesville Road
- Coffee shop and other retail on ground floor
- Parking entrance on Colesville Road

The Committee discussed features of the hotel that may contribute to traffic congestion, such as alighting passengers on Georgia Avenue and the two vehicle constraint for the layby.

Other features of the hotel:

- The 2nd floor contains a meeting area, dining room and a courtyard
- Green roof and highly visible mural art on the buildings side
- Building will be LEED certified and close to Metro

Ms. Reutershan reported that the field sketch and Preliminary Plan have been submitted; next will be the Site Plan, which will include traffic mitigation and other details.

The Committee also discussed:

- The new hotel as an “urban hotel” concept, with access to area public garages-more DC centric and more transit-oriented and equipped with a wayfinding system
- Utilizing retail space to accommodate rapidly changing trends

Mr. Bunch said he found the County’s response to the Committee’s letter regarding the Transit Center inadequate. **Mr. Carlson** cited the posting a crossing guard during certain hours at the Colesville Avenue

exit point. Others on the Committee said more enforcement was welcome, but is not consistent enough to be effective to stop cars and buses from blocking Discovery's garage, preventing cars from exiting.

Item 5 – Updates: Mr. Carlson announced:

- The Council is deliberating on the Subdivision Staging Policy-results are available on the Council and M-NCPPC web sites
- Office of Legislative Oversight review – copies of the Silver Spring TMD operations report will be available next meeting
- Surge 10 Packet starting 10/29 and Public hearing on 10/20 regarding service reduction

The Committee discussed reviewing Silver Spring's bike plan as an agenda item for November's meeting-BIPPA.

Reemberto Rodriguez announced:

- Utility work construction
- County Executive Budget Forum in January-Submit items
- BRT Advisory Committee is forming
- Dave & Busters is opening in November
- Early voting at the Civic Center 10/27-11/3

Melissa DiMercurio announced an upcoming telework "Quick-Start" webinar for employers, and free MARC tickets will be given out for Metro's SafeTrack Surge 10.

Adjourn: Next meeting date – Nov. 10, 2016

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet
Oct 13, 2016**

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Michael Meszaros	Digital Industry, Inc.	X	
Juanita Stewart	The Peterson Companies	X	
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Jim Bunch / Vice Chair	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Phil Olivetti	North & West Sector Plan Area		X
Randall McLeod	CBD Resident		X
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
Wendy Melis	SWANA	X	
Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Adenia Bradley	Southern Management		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (3)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT-Commuter Services	MCDOT Director or Designee		X
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC	X	
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center	X	
Vacant	Montgomery County Police		
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Tom Burdeshaw	8600 Georgia Avenue Project	X	
Melissa DiMercurio	Van Eperen & Co.	X	
Jay Elvove	MC Resident	X	
Bill Landfair	VIKA Maryland	X	
Susan Reutershan	Lerch, Early & Brewer	X	
Steve Simon	Van Eperen & Co.	X	